



**CEQA EXEMPTION / NEPA CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
DETERMINATION FORM (rev. 05/2020)**

Project Information

DIST-CO-RTE: 01-MEN-101

PM/PM: 1.4/1.7

EA: 01-0H810

Project Description

The purpose of this project is to restore the roadway to pre-storm damage conditions, stabilize the failing slope to reduce the risk of future damage and loss of a principal arterial route, and to minimize risk of loss of life and property. The project is needed to repair the compromised shoulder and roadway prism and prevent further roadway damage resulting from a 300-foot long slope failure, as evidenced by stress cracking along the west shoulder/fill slope. The condition of the existing shoulder is progressively deteriorating, which may eventually result in loss of the roadway prism. Restoration of the roadway at this location is essential, as US 101 is the primary transportation route for the area, serving the majority of regional and interregional transportation, and its existence is vital to the north coast.

Caltrans CEQA Determination (Check one)

- Not Applicable** – Caltrans is not the CEQA Lead Agency
- Not Applicable** – Caltrans has prepared an IS or EIR under CEQA

Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, the project is:

- Exempt by Statute.** (PRC 21080[b]; 14 CCR 15260 et seq.)
- Categorically Exempt. Class 1.** (PRC 21084; 14 CCR 15300 et seq.)
 - No exceptions apply that would bar the use of a categorical exemption (PRC 21084 and 14 CCR 15300.2). See the [SER Chapter 34](#) for exceptions.
- Covered by the Common Sense Exemption.** This project does not fall within an exempt class, but it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment (14 CCR 15061[b][3].)

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Caltrans NEPA Determination (Check one)

Caltrans has determined that this project has no significant impacts on the environment as defined by NEPA, and that there are no unusual circumstances as described in 23 CFR 771.117(b). See SER Chapter 30 for unusual circumstances. As such, the project is categorically excluded from the requirements to prepare an EA or EIS under NEPA and is included under the following:

[X] 23 USC 326: Caltrans has been assigned, and hereby certifies that it has carried out the responsibility to make this determination pursuant to 23 USC 326 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated April 18, 2019, executed between FHWA and Caltrans. Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under:

[] 23 CFR 771.117(c): activity (c) ()

[] 23 CFR 771.117(d): activity (d)()

[X] Activity 4 listed in Appendix A of the MOU between FHWA and Caltrans

[] 23 USC 327: Based on an examination of this proposal and supporting information, Caltrans has determined that the project is a Categorical Exclusion under 23 USC 327. The environmental review, consultation, and any other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by Caltrans pursuant to 23 USC 327 and the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 23, 2016 and executed by FHWA and Caltrans.

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Date of Categorical Exclusion Checklist completion: 07/14/2020

Date of Environmental Commitment Record or equivalent: 07/13/2020



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Continuation sheet:

Proposed work includes geotechnical drilling, installing an approximately 300-foot long wood lagging, soldier-pile, ground-anchor (SPGA) retaining wall, installing an approximately 350-foot long Midwest Guardrail System, culvert joint replacement, and reconstructing approximately 325-feet of paved road shoulder. All work will be completed within the Caltrans right of way.

Air, biological, cultural, noise, visual, water quality, and hazardous materials reviews have been completed, and there are no anticipated impacts on these resources with the incorporation of the measures identified below. No environmental permits are required for this project.

The following measures have been included as part of the project:

- An Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) plan will be implemented.
- Temporary High Visibility Fencing (THVF) would be set up prior to construction around areas where sensitive vegetation is present.
- To address low levels of lead from historical combustion of leaded fuel special standard provision (SSP) 7-1.02k(6)(j)(iii) will be used.
- Thermoplastic paint may contain lead of varying concentrations to address this issue SSP 36-4 will be used.